

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1329

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Rick Ballard, Principal of East Robertson High School, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rick Ballard is one such estimable educator who has served the students of Robertson County for a remarkable thirty-seven years; having distinguished himself as an exemplary classroom teacher, coach, and educational administrator, he will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard has served with acumen and alacrity as principal of East Robertson High School for seventeen illustrious years and as an administrator for twenty-seven years, offering his expertise, encouragement, and guidance to countless students and faculty members; and

WHEREAS, throughout his venerable career he has rendered sterling service as a teacher of mathematics, health, physical education, and driver's education; in addition, he has coached football, basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, and soccer; and

WHEREAS, Rick Ballard is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has always worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Ballard has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the Robertson County community; and

WHEREAS, Rick Ballard truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Mr. Rick Ballard, commending his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.